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1. DECISION NOT TO TELL KING PRECISE MAP AND FMS LEVELS FOR FY 75 WAS MOTIVATED BY LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO. WHILE I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT LEVEL LESS THEN \$100 MILLION FOR JORDAN FOR FY 75 WILL BE HEAVY BLOW TO OUR POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP, THAT WAS NOT PRICIPAL MOTIVATING FACTOR.
2. FULLY AGREE WITH DEFENSE THAT WE SHOULD TELL BIN SHAKER EXACTLY WHERE THINGS STAND NOW. WAS MAY IMPRESSION HOWEVER THAT FINAL DECISION HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE IN WHITE HOUSE ABOUT ALLOCATIONS FOR FY 75. YOUR TELEGRAM IMPLIES THAT I AM INCORRECT IN THIS JUDGEMENT AND THAT I NOW HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVEY FIGURES AS INDICATED IN TELEGRAM IN CONTEXT OF FACT THAT WE WERE EXPLORING ADDITIONAL FMS CREDIT.
3. IN ABSENCE OF ANY INFORMATION FROM YOU TO CONTRARY, I WILL BE TELLING PRIME MINISTER IN NEXT FEW HOURS AND KING, WHITH WHOM I AM SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT FOR TODAY RO TOMORROW, EXACTLY THE SAME THING AS YOU WILL BE CONVEYING TO BIN SHAKER AFTERNOON

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